

REMARKS

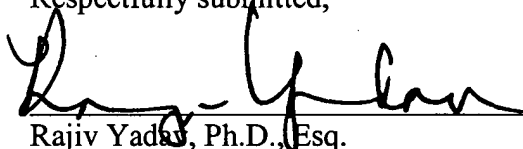
The application was filed with claims 1-113, which have now been canceled. New claims 114-137 have been added. After this claim amendment, claims 114-137 are pending in the application. Of these, two claims are independent and the remaining 22 are dependent claims. When the application was filed, fees were paid for 113 total claims and three independent claims. Thus, no additional fees are required by this claim amendment.

Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification. See, for example, the claims as originally filed, and the section entitled "Objects and Summary of the Invention".

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225.

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